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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Durbin:

Thank you for your November 12, 2013 letter concerning petroleum coke storage and handling in Illinois.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is working closely with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Attorney General to assess the environmental impacts of three petroleum coke storage and handling facilities on the southeast side of Chicago and to investigate these facilities' compliance the Clean Air Act (CAA).

As part of this collaboration, EPA recently issued information requests to the operators of these facilities, KCBX Terminals Inc. and Beemsterboer Slag Corporation, requiring both companies to install monitors at their facilities to measure particulate matter in the ambient air. Copies of these requests are enclosed.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Ronna Beckmann or Denise Fortin, the Region 5 Congressional Liaisons, at (312) 886-3000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SH", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Susan Hedman  
Regional Administrator

Enclosures